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Carter: Leaked Secrets Dry Up Sources

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Washington (News Bureau)—President Carter complained yesterday that congressional leaks of classified information are making sources more and more reluctant to talk to U.S. intelligence agencies.

Carter met with key members of the House and Senate Intelligence committees who are regularly given highly classified information by the Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, military intelligence groups and the FBI.

Senate Republican leader Howard H. Baker (Tenn.) told newsmen after the meeting: "We had a long talk about leaks. Leaks are an epidemic disease in Washington and I suppose they'll con-

tinue to be. But if you can't stop them, at least you ought to slow them down." The pledge had been mentioned by Dillon in reports to the City Planning Commission and Budget Commission.

Bennett said that if the museum had simply asked her to fill out a pledge form, the litigation could have been avoided.

The surrogate warned that his decision should not persuade other recipients of donations to treat such dona-

tions in a casual manner. He said that such "inexcusable casualness may cause less charitable gift giving by others."

White House Press Secretary Jody Powell declined to discuss specific news leaks, but said that the executive branch, as well as Congress, has been responsible.

"If I decide to make a leak, I make sure it will not damage national security," Powell said. "As far as I know, I've never leaked anything that falls into that category."

Powell also conceded that "no doubt in the past there has been overclassification of material."